

THE RECORDER'S OFFICE.

COLORED CLERK TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WATER CLOSET AND GIVEN NEW QUARTERS. WHAT RECORDER MATTHEWS IS DOING.

Recorder James C. Matthews has made many needy improvements in his office.

He is having a thorough examination of his clerks hand writing and their accuracy in reading. He has papered his two private offices, carpeted the floors and pictured the walls.

A fine portrait of president Cleveland is suspended against the wall and pictures of the public buildings. The portraits of Col. Lamont and Secretary Manning will also be put in his office. The old water closet, that was once used by the prisoners and which was fixed up for the clerks, when the Court House was under-going repairs, when Mr. Douglass was Recorder, is now being occupied by colored clerks.

Recorder Matthews, has secured new quarters for these clerks and will put them in decent rooms. Mr. Douglass (when recorder, did all in his power to get better quarters, but fate was against him.

The new Recorder has been for the last three weeks answering congratulatory letters, which has occupied a great deal of his time.

TID BIT'S MINSTRELS.

"The cheekiest man you ever saw you meet up in New York State?" said the interlocutor. "Well, I've met a good many cheeky men, and I'd like to hear your story."

Romolo took a look at the audience, and after satisfying himself that they didn't intend mischief, said, "It was a long about Buffalo. A newsboy came through the car and I bought a Buffalo paper."

Considerable surprise was expressed that they should have such civilized things as newspapers in Buffalo, but Romolo went on. "There was a man sitting in the seat with me, and I saw him kind o'look longingly at the paper as he'd like to get the first whack at it.

"What's the news?" he asked. "There ain't any," I said, and I could see that he was more eager than ever to get it.

"How did the New York-Detroit game come out yesterday?" he asked. I told him I didn't know and didn't care. Then he subsided for a time. I went on reading my paper for twenty minutes, when I felt my coat-sleeve pulled.

"Say, stranger," he said, "how much longer are you going to keep that paper? I told him that was my business, when he turned over one of the pages, and I saw that something had been pasted on it. What do you suppose that man had put there?"

The interlocutor said he had no idea, and said "What did he paste on the paper?"

"Well," said Romolo, "it was a piece of paper like they use on prescription bottles and on it was:

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"And did you give it to him then?" asked the interlocutor.

"No, you may imagine I didn't. I looked all over the car, and I found a little old squint-eyed man who didn't look as though he could read, and wouldn't if he could. I gave it to him. Then I went back and asked my cheeky neighbor where he was from. He said "Syracuse."

A JUST PARDON.

(Indianapolis World.)

Governor Gray, on Tuesday last pardoned from the southern prison Algonon Evans, who was sentenced September 4, 1879, by the Vigo Circuit Court, to imprisonment for a term of 18 years, upon conviction of manslaughter. The pardon was recommended by the judge before whom the case was tried, and several of the county officers of Vigo County. Evans was a colored man who got into an altercation with a gypsy over a horse trade which ended in Evans striking the gypsy over the head with a chair. Both were intoxicated. After the assault the gypsy got on his horse and rode toward the gypsy camp, but before reaching it fell off the horse and died. There was a doubt as to whether death resulted from the blow or the fall. The prisoner being a colored man was prevented from having as favorable a presentation of his case as might have been, owing to strong prejudices against his race.

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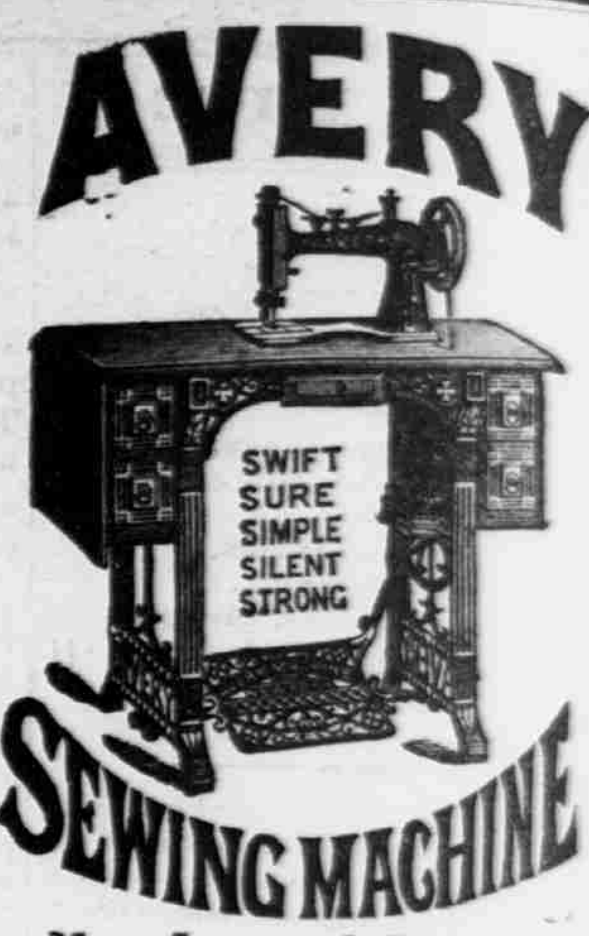
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